

## House Resolution No. 748

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

**Whereas**, born on February 21, 1905, into the loving family of James Madison Ferguson and Fannie Brown of Dagonia, Missouri, on Logan Creek, retired farmer Arthur Ferguson recently celebrated his One Hundredth Birthday with a gathering of family members and friends at City Hall in Ellington on February 19, 2005; and

**Whereas**, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, Arthur Ferguson established a family of his own through his joyful marriage to the former Elva Marie Goforth who loved and cherished him with all of her heart for seventy years until her death on January 8, 1996; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Arthur and Elva Ferguson has been richly blessed with eight wonderful children, Curtis T., Willis D., Leemon D., Burnis D., Reva R.F., Vernon R., Lowell D., and Arthur H. Ferguson, and one hundred ninety-nine grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Arthur Ferguson enjoys a life which encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, rise of the automobile as America's preferred mode of travel, demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses to commemorate momentous events in the lives of such stellar citizens as Arthur Ferguson:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the One Hundredth Birthday of Arthur Ferguson and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Arthur Ferguson of Ellington, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative J.C. Kuessner  
District No. 152

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 748, adopted February 23, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker